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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: :  
SATO MASAHIDE ET AL : ATTN: NEW APPLICATION DIVISION  
SERIAL NO: 09/763,864  
FILED: FEBRUARY 28, 2001  
FOR: METHOD OF MAKING :  
FERMENTATION PRODUCTION  
PRODUCT

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, line 2, replace the text in its entirety with the following:

A' --PROCESS FOR PRODUCING FERMENTATION PRODUCT--